

November 4, 2004

Ms. Alison Dubbert
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL
RESOURCES FOR THE WESTINGHOUSE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST
FOR WESTINGHOUSE HEMATITE SITE IN FESTUS, MISSOURI

Dear Ms. Dubbert:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is requesting the Missouri Historic Preservation Office's comments regarding impacts to cultural and historical resources at the Westinghouse - Hematite site in Festus, Missouri. The NRC is considering Westinghouse's (the licensee) license amendment request for deconstruction and dismantlement to grade or base concrete slabs of the following buildings on the site: 101, 110, 115, 120, 230, 231, 235, 240, 245, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, and 261. The Westinghouse site was used by the licensee, and its predecessor licensees, from the mid-1950's until 2001, for the production and fabrication of nuclear fuel. The site is located approximately 3/4 of a mile northeast of the unincorporated town of Hematite, Missouri, and approximately 5 1/2 miles west of the town of Festus, Missouri along the Joachim Creek. The entire site consists of approximately 220 acres. However, the proposed action involves only buildings situated in a 10-acre central site tract.

The licensee has submitted a license amendment request for NRC approval in accordance with NRC regulations. The amendment request documents the actions that the licensee plans to undertake to deconstruct and dismantle the above mentioned buildings. The licensee plans to release the building materials from the site in accordance with NRC regulations.

The licensee's amendment is currently being reviewed by the NRC staff in order to assure compliance with the NRC's environmental health and safety regulations. As part of the review, the NRC is required to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the approval of the requested license amendment. The NRC requests your assistance in completing this EA.

The NRC requests your review and comments on any cultural and historic resource impacts that may occur from building deconstruction and dismantlement at Westinghouse's Hematite site. This information will be incorporated into the EA. If impacts are identified, please identify acceptable measures to avoid or mitigate those impacts.

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If you have any comments, regarding the NRC's license amendment review, please provide them within 30 days so they may be fully considered. If you require additional information, please contact me at (301) 415-0023.

Sincerely,

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